

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sore Shoulders

Please give remedy for sore shoulders in horses.—Subscriber, Quebec.

Bathe the sore twice a day with the following lotion: Sugar of lead one ounce, carbolic acid half an ounce, soft water one quart. See that the collar is a good fit and is kept clean.

Intestinal Catarrh

One of my horses is out of condition. He is suffering upon the sheath; but his urine seems to be normal. He purges frequently, and seems to be very dumpy at times. I feed hay and occasionally some oats when idle, and three quarts of oats 3 times a day when working. He eats fairly well, but is wasteful of hay.—Subscriber.

The catarrhal condition of the bowels is having a bad effect upon the general health, as is shown by the swelling of the sheath. You should be very careful of this horse's diet, feed regularly, and avoid damaged hay or oats. Damage hay includes hay that has been cut late in the season and is hard to digest. The following prescription will help to restore health:—Powdered sulphate of soda one pound, common salt one pound, bicarbonate of soda two ounces, sulphate of iron two ounces. Mix. Give a tablespoonful three times a day.

Proud Flesh

I have a horse that got his foot cut just above the hoof about a year ago. It has swelled to about twice the normal size, and appears to be full of proud flesh. He is not lame, but the swelling is gradually increasing.—R. M. A.

You might burn this off with a red hot iron, but had better consult a veterinary surgeon, as it should not be done without using an anesthetic.

A man at Kingston, N.Y., claims to have made his hens lay larger eggs by keeping them under the influence of powerful electric lights. He also asserts that he can make the hens lay vari-colored eggs for Easter by changing the colors of the lights to which they are subjected!

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Son's Claim.

G. E., Prince Edward Island.—You have not yet told us when your father died, nor whether he left a will or otherwise disposed of his property. You will have to give us the above particulars before we can give you any answer to your question further than that already given.

About Line Fence.

A. owns a farm in Ontario which is all cleared. B. owns the adjoining lot, which is unimproved and unoccupied. A's portion of the line fence between the two lots is built. Can A. compel B. to build B's portion of the fence.—H. H. M., Point Gattineau, Que.

A.—Section 3 of "The Line Fences Act," Revised Statutes of Ontario (1897), chapter 284, provides that "Owners of occupied adjoining lands shall make, keep up and repair a just proportion of the fence which marks the boundary between them, or if there is no fence they shall so make, keep up and repair the same proportion which is to mark such boundary; and owners of unoccupied lands which adjoin occupied lands shall, upon their being occupied, be liable to the duty of keeping up and repairing such proportion, and in that respect shall be in the same position as if their land had been occupied at the time of the original fencing, and shall be liable to the compulsory proceedings hereinafter mentioned." The Act then goes on to state that proceedings may be taken under same in case of dispute between the owners. You will notice, however, from the above section that the Act applies to "occupied lands" only, and that unoccupied lands come within its provisions from the time only at which they become occupied. From that time the owner of such lands is responsible for the keeping up and repairing of his proportion of the line fence in the same respect as if his lands had been occupied lands at the time the fence was originally put up—if a fence has been put up prior to his lands being occupied—by the owner of the occupied lands adjoining. If no fence has been put up prior to his lands being occupied, then it is his duty to make, keep up and repair his just proportion of same.

Selling off Hay and Straw.

A. sold his farm to B. in December last and agreed to give up possession at the first of April. A. afterwards sold the straw and hay in the place to C. Had he the right to do so—nothing being said about either in the agreement with B.—C. G. (Orillia). The agreement for the sale of the farm would not include the hay and straw unless it was so specially stated and as nothing was said about either in the agreement with B., A. would have the right to dispose of them to any other person.



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Notice to Landlord.

I rented a farm for two years commencing on the first day of November, 1904. Have I to give any notice to my landlord that I will not keep the farm after the expiration of the lease?—C. H. (Brussels).

Your term of leasing will expire on the thirty-first day of October next, and it is not necessary that you give the landlord notice that you do not wish to keep the farm after that date.

How to Increase Rent

I rented a house by the month to B. I wish to raise the rent. Is a written notice to B. that for the future I intend to charge the higher rent sufficient or how should I proceed?—A. T. M. (Collingwood).

The rent which a tenant shall pay is a matter of agreement between the tenant and the landlord. The landlord cannot collect the higher rent by merely notifying the tenant that he intends to charge same. You should first put up with the tenancy by a legal notice to quit, and then if the tenant wishes to remain on he will have to agree to pay whatever rent you are willing to accept for the house.

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